ANN LANDERS

Regarding Transsexual Operations

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am in a state of shock as I write this letter. I don't know what to think or where to turn. I am sending you a copy of the form I received from my daughter along with her fervent plea that I sign it. She has made it clear that if I refuse to sign the form she will disregard my wishes and do as she pleases when she is 21.

The form, as you can see, is printed on stationery from the offices of two physicians whose specialty is psychiatry. I took this form to my family doctor who checked with the American Medical Association. The doctors are indeed practicing medicine. The form reads as follows:

"This is to certify that I fully understand that my daughter, Miss —, age 19, wishes to have medical procedures performed so that her sex may be changed to a male. I hereby agree to whatever hormonal, radio-therapy and surgical procedures are deemed necessary for this transformation. I am (am not) willing to accept financial responsibility for these procedures.

Notary —— State —— County ——
Date —— Signature ——"

Ann, I have known for three years that my daughter is a Lesbian and I have learned to live with the heartache, but the thought of her wanting to have this operation is more than I can stand. I telephoned the doctors and told them what I thought of them and their form. Of course I will not put my signature to it.

I am 46, divorced, and sell real estate. I haven't been a perfect mother but this blow has knocked the pins from under me. I have a married daughter, age 24, another daughter, 16, who says her sister is "sick" and a boy, 14, who says his sister is crazy.

If you have any words of wisdom that might wake up this girl please help me, for God's sake. — MRS. NO NAME MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: **This girl needs more than waking up. Individuals who so desperate desire to be of another sex that they are willing to have their bodies mutilated are severely disturbed.**

The best authorities of the transsexual operation are at the University of Minnesota and Johns Hopkins. These authorities are not enthusiastic about the results. When Dick Cavett attempted to drag me into a discussion of transsexual operations on his TV show several months ago, I refused to discuss the subject in the presence of a transvestite who was considering the procedure. I could say nothing supportive and didn't want to embarrass the guy who wobbled out in high heels, wearing a shoulder-length wig and spoke so glowingly of his schoolgirl wedding to "a wonderful fellow."

You can do nothing, Mother, except hope your daughter will cooperate in therapy that takes hold before she reaches her twenty-first birthday and can have the surgery without your signature.

Drinking may be "in" to the kids you run with — but it can put you "out for keeps. You can cool it and stay popular. Read "Booze And You — For Teen-Agers Only." Send 25c in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request.

Wife's Personality, Promotion Linked

By TRUDY MORRISON
Copley News Service

What are the specifications of the "ideal company wife?"

Most executives surveyed at random mentioned a pleasing personality, the ability to get along with other people and an understanding of her husband's job and responsibilities.

Some businessmen said that the wife may be the subtle deciding factor in her husband's getting a job or a promotion.

"Wives are a very important influence on the success of their husbands. When they're out socially, they should act with decorum because they reflect on their husbands. If she's arrogant or disliked, that reflects on him, too."

Floyd Bentley, owner of an employment agency added, "There is an even greater need for the wives to get along socially in smaller companies and in smaller communities. She can do more harm than good if she isn't diplomatic.

"She must watch what she says to other wives. It isn't discreet for her to complain about hours, salary etc. A lot depends on image as well as ability in keeping a job.

The ability to keep her mouth shut was also mentioned by the bank president.

"The wife should know enough about her husband's responsibilities to be able to sympathize, but she doesn't need to know details," he said.

"Husbands just shouldn't tell wives things that are confidential, because if they don't know, they can't let the wrong thing slip out."

T. R. Conklin, president of a metal products firm said, "We don't make a formal interview as such, but if we're hiring for a top position we want to make sure the wife is compatible. Our prime consideration is that our employes have a happy home life. We want the man to be concerned about his job rather than problems at home."

Executives indicate there is a delicate but critical difference between the wife who motivates or inspires and the wife who pushes her husband up the ladder. Executives say they are as much on guard against the wife who is trying too hard as they are against the wife who looks as if she doesn't care a whiff about her husband's job.

"Too much ambition can cause friction and tension that beats him down," said W. C. Boutwell, a company president. "But she has to be ambitious enough to motivate him to reach goals."

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the General Construction of a Greenhouse will be received by the Texarkana Junior College at the office of Dr. J. W. Cady, President until 7:00 p.m. CDT July 30th, 1970, and then opened and read aloud.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following Office of Dr. J. W. Cady, President 1801 Tucker Street, Texarkana, Texas, Reinheimer, Cox and Associates, Architects, Inc., 1401 College Drive, Texarkana, Texas.

Copies may be obtained at the office of Reinheimer, Cox and Associates, Architects, Inc. located at 1401 College Drive, Texarkana, Texas upon payment of $5.00 per set. Any unsuccessful bidder, upon returning such set promptly and in good condition, will be refunded his payment.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under contract.

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Dr. J. W. Cady, President, Texarkana Junior College

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POLLY'S POINTERS

Advice to Grandmother: Enjoy Your Grandchildren

By POLLY CRAMER

DEAR POLLY—I have a word for Grandmother. It looks as if you went a little overboard making your grandchildren as welcome as the flowers in May. You and their parents are responsible for the children's behavior. My eight grandchildren were told from the start: "You live as you want in your own home but in my home you live as I do." We have a ball and sometimes even eat in the living room. Accidents happen once in awhile but that is to be expected. Grandmother, put your house in order and enjoy your grandchildren on your terms.—GRANDMOTHER KATE

DEAR POLLY—How I love that column. Do tell Grandmother that "grandmothering" takes some "working at." Grandchildren are a real part of our lives. If we would enjoy them we should plan for them. Our homes must be geared for them this little while for they grow up just as fast as our own did. While they are little we can afford to put away any fancy doodads easily damaged.

They must have something to do. I have a large jardiniere, filled with toys, hidden behind an easy chair. In a closed section of my bookcase is an assortment of children's books. Games for the older children are kept under the divan, out of sight. They love this secrecy bit. None of these things are obvious to other callers but after a first trip any child knows where the fun is.

Experiment with ideas that work well with YOUR grandchildren. Have a filled cookie jar and special mugs for them. Never is a child to take any of these things home. They are special for grandma's house. When ready to go home they rehide everything. Knowing his own things will always be there makes the child feel loved, planned for and welcome.

Most naughtiness in children occurs when adults become too absorbed in their own visiting. Get the child busy first. Have fun, grandma.—GRANDMOTHER OF 2).

Polly's Problem

DEAR POLLY—My davenport is covered with a printed material and all the upholstery is in excellent condition except the cording around the cushions which is threadbare, especially on the corners. Is there anything that can be done to this except having the whole davenport reupholstered?—MRS. H.

DID YOU KNOW ?

"I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."

Holy Bible, Psalms 18: 1-2

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Navy Mothers Have Meet

Navy Mothers No. 582

An executive board meeting for members of Navy Mothers Clubs of America No. 582 was held in the home of Mrs. Alice Nantze and Mrs. Minnie Whorton.

Mrs. Hazel Corsette, commander, opened the business session. It was announced that Thursday, Aug. 6, is National Navy Mothers' Day.

The luncheon menu for Tuesday, July 28, at Collins Memorial Building was planned. Hostesses are Mrs. Ruth Ellison, Mrs. Ethel Anthony, Mrs. Dessa Warren and Mrs. Mary Chalker.

Final plans for the convention to be held in Des Moines, Iowa in August will be made at the pot-luck luncheon and benefit to be held Thursday, July 16, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Golden, 1708 Pearl St., at 10:30 a.m.

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